

Mr. Schaeffer also exhibited a new species of the Scymenid genus *Lophioderes*, collected by Mr. Beutenmüller in North Carolina and hitherto only known from the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Watson recorded the abundance of *Catopsilia eubule* in New York City, during the past season.

Mr. Beutenmüller announced the death of the well-known lepidopterist, Dr. Herman Strecker, of Reading, Pa.

After discussion, adjournment.

### HERMAN STRECKER, PH.D.

It is with the deepest feelings of sorrow that we have to announce the death of the great veteran lepidopterist, Herman Strecker, Ph.D., at his home in Reading, Pa., at 7:40 a. m., November 30, 1901. He was stricken with apoplexy shortly after leaving his place of business on November 29th and lingered unconscious until he passed into the great beyond.

Dr. Strecker was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 24, 1836, and received his early education in the public schools of Reading, Pa., which was his home from the time he was eleven years old until his death. He was a sculptor by profession and to this he devoted most of his days but as a recreation he spent his nights and holidays in the collection of lepidoptera. His collection is the largest, most valuable and in every way the most remarkable private collection of lepidoptera on the American continent. Dr. Strecker described several hundred of new species the types of which are all in his collection as well as many types of species described by other authors. His book on "Lepidoptera, Rhopaloceres and Heteroceres, Indigenous and Exotic, 1872-1877," was published under difficulties. It was illustrated with fifteen colored plates. He saved enough to buy a lithographic stone and then drew and engraved upon it a group of butterflies or moths. This was sent to Philadelphia and the plates printed from it. In this way the stone travelled to and from Philadelphia until the plates were all finished and the book issued. Fifteen parts and four supplements have been published of this work. In consideration of his scientific knowledge Franklin and Marshall College, some years ago, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

WM. BEUTENMÜLLER.